(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) In the light of Supreme Court judgement that writ jurisdiction of High Courts under Article 226/227 shall continue even after the setting up of the Tribunals and Administrative Tribunals shall be subject to such jurisdiction of High Courts, it was deemed necessary to review the powers to punish for contempt of the Tribunals. The High Courts as Courts of record already have the power to punish for contempt. It is, therefore, not necessary for the Administrative Tribunals to independently exercise the power to punish for contempt. Accordingly, the Government proposes to amend the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985 to delete section 17 of the said Act relating to the power to punish for contempt of self.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. It is not correct to say that the proposed amendment will render Central Administrative Tribunal completely powerless to deal with contempt. It shall be ensured that the Administrative Tribunals have the same powers in the matter as all other courts under the jurisdiction of the respective High courts in the event of contempt.

Implementation of Hota Committee Recommendations

3181. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:
SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had constituted a Committee headed by Shri P.C. Hota, to examine the current situation of Civil Services in the country and to recommend reforms thereof;

(b) the details of the constituents of the said Committee and its items of reference;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Committee have already submitted its reports long back;

(d) if so, whether Government are contemplating to apprise Parliament of said report and also to implement its recommendations;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Composition of Hota Committee and its Terms of Reference are given in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

(c) to (f) The Hota Committee submitted its report on 30 July, 2004. It has made 64 main recommendations on (i) making the Civil Service responsive and citizen-friendly, transparent, accountable and ethical in its actions and interface with people; (ii) making the Civil Service e-governance friendly; (iii) putting a premium on intellectual growth of civil servants and on upgrading their domain knowledge; (iv) protecting the Civil Service against wrongful pressure exerted by administrative superiors; political executive, business interests and other vested interests; (v) changes, if any necessary, in the various All India Services Rules and Central Civil Service Rules to provide a statutory cover to the proposed civil service reforms; (vi) changes in rules governing the disciplinary proceedings against civil servants to decentralize the process as far as practicable, and to make the disposal of such proceedings time-bound; and (vii) matters relating to health insurance, dispute resolution etc. No final decision has been taken on these recommendations by the Government.

Statement

Composition of the Hota Committee on Civil Service Reforms

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1	Shri P C. Hota, IAS (Retd.) former Chairman, UPSC and former Secretary (Personnel)	-	Chairman
2	Dr R.V V. Iyer, IAS (Retd.)	-	Member
3	Shri Binod Kumar, IAS, Director, IBSNAA	-	Member
4.	Dr R A Mashelkar, Secretary, D/o Scientific and Industrial Research	-	Member
5	Shri S.K Purkayastha, IAS Secretary (Coordn. & PG), Cabinet Secretariat	-	Member
6.	Shri D. Swarup, IA&AS, OSD/Secretary, D/o Expenditure	-	Member
7.	Dr Mohan Kanda, IAS Chief Secretary, Andhra Pradesh	-	Member